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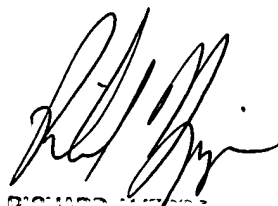
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The petition under 37 CFR 1.181 filed on October 21, 2003 has been considered as a request for reconsideration for preparing another Office action considering the Supplemental Amendment filed on October 2, 2003, which crossed in the mail with the final Office action mailed on October 3, 2003.

In response to this request, the final Office action mailed on October 3, 2003 is withdrawn. No additional response is needed from the applicant at this time. The application file has been forwarded to the examiner for prompt action on the supplemental amendment filed on October 2, 2003.

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